

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION) **CASE NO. INT-G-02-1**
FILED BY INTERMOUNTAIN GAS)
COMPANY FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM) **NOTICE OF PETITION**
THE COMMISSION’S GAS SERVICE)
RULE 102, IDAPA 31.31.01.102.) **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
)
) **ORDER NO. 28937**

On January 11, 2002, Intermountain Gas Company filed a Petition with the Commission seeking an exemption from the Commission’s Gas Service Rule 102. IDAPA 31.31.01.102. In particular, Rule 102 requires all gas corporations to inspect a customer’s installation of a gas appliance before connecting the gas meter. In its Petition, Intermountain Gas asserts that Rule 102 is inconsistent with Rules 202 and 203 of the Commission’s Safety and Accident Reporting Rules, IDAPA 31.11.01.202 and 203. These latter safety rules allow gas utilities to forego inspecting customer installations that “[h]ave been inspected and approved by authorized agencies....” *Id.*

The Company maintains in its Petition that it desires to eliminate redundant customer installation inspections “beyond our meter.” Petition at 2, § I. The Company insists that Gas Service Rule 102 compels duplicate inspections by both an authorized inspection agency (e.g., a city/county building department) and the utility. The Company states that by eliminating the requirement for redundant inspections in Rule 102, “Intermountain will be improving our customers’ ability to receive expedited service from their heating contractor and the heating dealer will need inspection approval from only one authorized agency [and not the utility] thereby streamlining the inspection process.” Petition at § I.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -204.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Petition may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Petitioner at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us under the "Comments and Questions" icon. Once at the "Comments and Questions" icon, fill in the case number as it appears on the front of this document, and enter your comments. These comments must also be sent to the Petitioner at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition is also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.state.id.us under the "File Room" icon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-507 and 61-515.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of January 2002.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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